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A GUIDE TO PROTECTIVE SECURITY SERVICES



Two DSS agents and a British official discuss security measures at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.

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INTRODUCTION

The United States government is under a special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect foreign diplomatic missions and their personnel in the United States pursuant to the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. The 1965 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations similarly obligates the U.S. government to provide appropriate protection to consular posts and their officers. In supporting our obligations, supplemental legal authority granted by 18 USC 112 empowers the U.S. Secretary of State to ensure the “protection of foreign missions and international organizations, foreign officials, and diplomatic personnel in the United States.”

Within the U.S. Department of State, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security’s Diplomatic Security Service has the primary responsibility to ensure that necessary protection is extended to diplomatic missions and consular posts (“foreign missions”), as well as to diplomatic and consular personnel assigned to duty in the United States. Within the Diplomatic Security Service, the Protective Liaison Division provides this protection and related services.

This brochure describes the types of protective security services that the Protective Liaison Division can furnish to the diplomatic community.

VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

TWO PROVISIONS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THE WORK OF THE DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE:

ARTICLE 22(2)

“The receiving State is under a special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity.”

ARTICLE 29

“The receiving state shall treat ... [the person of a diplomatic agent and of administrative and technical staff] with due respect and shall take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on his person, freedom, or dignity.”

THERE ARE ANALOGOUS PROVISIONS REQUIRING THAT SIMILAR PROTECTIONS BE ACCORDED CONSULAR POSTS AND CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS. SEE ARTICLES 31(3) AND 40.

Diplomatic Security Service special agents in Washington, D.C., and 29 other locations throughout the United States are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to provide liaison services and security assistance to foreign missions in the United States. Today's threat environment requires that security offices remain prepared to actively defend against a variety of threat situations. By establishing and maintaining open lines of communication, Diplomatic Security Service agents work with foreign missions and others to provide a secure environment for the daily conduct of official foreign mission business.

LIAISON WITH DIPLOMATIC SECURITY

In an age of increased security awareness, the method used to immediately communicate important security-related information to foreign missions is of vital importance. In this regard, the Diplomatic Security Service maintains the names and contact numbers of at least two employees at every foreign mission who are designated as security liaison representatives. As personnel transfer, foreign missions' representatives are urged to provide

updated contact information to the respective Diplomatic Security Service agents in their area. This cooperation greatly facilitates the timely exchange of security-related information between foreign missions and the Department of State.

It is important that security liaison be maintained not only in Washington, D.C., but also between the Diplomatic Security Service and mission offices throughout the United States. To the maximum extent possible, liaison should occur at the local or regional level. For example, consulates in Chicago should contact the Diplomatic Security Service's Chicago Field Office. A consulate operating in a city that has no resident Diplomatic Security Service field office should contact the office in closest proximity to its location. (Bureau of Diplomatic Security offices are listed on the final pages of this pamphlet).

RESPONDING TO THE THREAT

In discharging these protection responsibilities, the Diplomatic Security Service emphasizes that the U.S. Government will “take all appropriate steps” to protect foreign missions and their personnel. The Diplomatic Security Service works to maintain the full confidence and cooperation of all resident foreign mission members and to provide the best protection possible with the available resources.

The level and measure of protective security provided by the U.S. government to any foreign official, or diplomatic or consular mission, is based on the threat that exists to the specific mission or the individual while present in the United States. A threat level is determined by compiling a threat assessment that is updated regularly for each mission in the United States.

Information provided by the sending states and/or foreign mission representatives in the United States is appreciated and is incorporated when assessing threat levels. The information contained in the threat assessment is gathered and catalogued by the research analysts of Diplomatic Security's Office of Intelligence and Threat Analysis. Analysts maintain regular contact with domestic and international intelligence-gathering agencies and



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are able to provide comprehensive threat assessments that are both timely and accurate. These assessments are of vital importance to the Diplomatic Security Service in determining if there is a need for any extraordinary protective security measures.

PROTECTIVE SECURITY ASSISTANCE

To provide foreign missions with protective security, the Diplomatic Security Service works closely with the U.S. Secret Service's Foreign Missions Branch in Washington, D.C., and local police departments throughout the United States. Uniformed police officers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With a sophisticated communications

system and patrol response capability, officers can respond to any call for emergency assistance from a foreign mission or foreign mission personnel. The law enforcement response may well vary dependent upon a particular situation. For example:

Fixed Posts

If a threat against a foreign mission is substantiated, under certain circumstances and on an interim basis, a uniformed police officer may be assigned to a fixed post presence outside official premises. This uniformed police officer is relieved by others at regular intervals to maintain a high level of vigilance. The police officer's presence assists in creating a safe area for the entry and departure of foreign mission officials and visitors during business and non-business hours. This presence is also a visual deterrent against attacks or other criminal violations of local, state, and federal laws.

However, this type of a response, although highly visible, may not be appropriate for every situation or threat concern. At times, a mobile police patrol may be more effective.

Mobile Vehicular and Foot Patrols

All foreign missions, official residences of foreign mission personnel, and other official locations are afforded some form of direct or indirect police coverage based on an assessed threat level. In addition, all of these official locations are identified to the U.S. Secret Service's Foreign Missions Branch or local police departments as sensitive locations requiring a priority police response.

GENERAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

In addition to providing the protective security measures described above, the Diplomatic Security Service offers a broad range of security services to the foreign mission community. These services include briefings and seminars on security-related topics, specialized training for selected mission personnel, and consultation regarding the physical security of a specific mission and/or official residences. The security services provided to a foreign mission are tailored to meet its particular needs.

The Diplomatic Security Service can provide security information assistance on the following general subjects:

- Personal Security Precautions
- Emergency Reaction Plans
- Physical Security Standards
- Residential Security Standards
- Crime Prevention Services
- Surveillance Recognition

Foreign missions interested in receiving information on any of these topics are encouraged to submit a formal request through the established Diplomatic Security office(s) with which they normally consult. This request should outline particular security concerns and, as much as possible, list specific objectives. The name of the official who will be the foreign mission's coordinator should also be included. Of course, missions are encouraged to discuss any security concerns they have during routine visits and communications maintained with their designated Diplomatic Security Service officer.

Appropriate protection requires constant vigilance and open communication. By working cooperatively, foreign missions throughout the United States and the Diplomatic Security Service can create a safe environment for the conduct of diplomatic and consular affairs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To provide or receive security information, contact:

- The Diplomatic Security Service's Protective Liaison Division at 202-895-3600 (weekdays, 8:00 am to 5 pm, Eastern Time)
- The Diplomatic Security Service's Command Center at 571-345-3146 in Washington, D.C., or toll free at 866-217-2089 (before or after normal business hours)

In case of emergency:

- Dial 911
- Contact the U.S. Secret Services's Foreign Missions Branch Control Center, 202-634-2234
- Contact the appropriate Diplomatic Security Service office (see list starting on page 7)

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